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**Welcome to the latest edition of the Carrickfergus  
Community Forum newsletter.**

Do you or someone from your group want to take part in a *Spotlight* programme on Tuesday 1st March 2011. Do you have a burning question you want to ask the panel of politicians? If so contact Carrickfergus Community Forum as a limited number of places are available

**DRUGS TAKEN OFF OUR STREETS**

Police in Carrickfergus seized a large number of cannabis plants following the search of a house in the Irish Quarter South area on 6 January 2011. Plants with an estimated street value of £188,000 were seized in addition to items used for the cultivation of cannabis.

Local area commander, Chief Inspector Paula Hilman commented: "This was a very successful search which has resulted in the seizure of a substantial amount of cannabis plants. The seizure will prevent this cannabis from filtering onto our streets and becoming part of the illegal drug trade.

"Taking these drugs out of circulation is further proof of our commitment to tackle the concerns of the local community and address the issues that matter to them. We would ask the community to continue to work with us and anyone with information in relation to this incident is asked to contact police in Carrickfergus on 0845 600 8000. Information about crime can also be passed anonymously to the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111."

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## GREENISLAND YOUTH CLUB

Greenisland Youth Club have produced a recipe book called "Recipes for a Healthier You" which was compiled by the members and staff at the Greenisland Knockagh Youth Centre who made and tested all the recipes. The project was funded by the NIHE Small Pockets of Deprivation Fund.

We will be printing recipes from the book each month in our newsletter

### FRUIT & SESAME OATIES CEREAL BARS

#### INGREDIENTS

Preheat oven to 150C / 300 F / Gas 2

Line a 9 inch square baking tin with grease proof paper

100g unsalted butter, melted

100g honey

60g soft brown sugar

350g fine porridge oats

50g sesame seeds

40g mixed sunflower & pumpkin seeds

50g dried apricots, chopped

60g dried cranberries, chopped

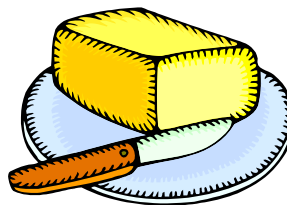
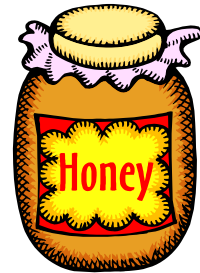
60g raisins

1tsp vanilla extract

A little dried fruit and seeds for sprinkling on top

#### METHOD

1. Place all of the ingredients into a big mixing bowl and mix really well
2. Pour into the baking tin and bake for 35 minutes until golden brown
3. Remove from the oven and when cool place in the fridge to firm
4. Cut into little bars and store in an airtight container



## COURSES AVAILABLE AT CARRICKFERGUS COMMUNITY FORUM

The Carrickfergus Community Support project will be running computer classes starting in November 2010 , if you are interested in joining a class please contact **Janice Cherry, 02893 359777 or email [janicecherry@btconnect.com](mailto:janicecherry@btconnect.com)** ASAP to put your name on the list.

### ***Courses offered will be:***

- ◆ Introduction to ICT consisting of six x 2 hour classes
- ◆ OCR level 2 text processing business professional covering 2units (2 exams) level 2 certificate 10x 2 hours classes.

While tuition is free there will be a £10.00 charge for each participant and we will also ask participants who are employed to pay their own exam fees

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## 4 TIER SECURITY PACKAGE AVAILABLE FROM CARRICKFERGUS COMMUNITY FORUM

The Four Tier System is aimed at reducing crime and the fear of crime and specifically deals with crimes perpetrated against vulnerable members of our community.

**This is a confidential service that is provided free of charge and is not means tested.**

The scheme is available to all members of our community who have been a victim of crime or are considered at risk with particular emphasis on assisting the following:

**Vulnerable persons**

**Victims of crime**

**Disabled people**

**Victims of domestic violence**

Subject to a free security assessment people may be entitled to the following free equipment::

*Level 1 – Door bar or chain, Personal Alarm, UV Marker Pen, Wrist Alarm, 2 window alarms and alarmed doorstep*

*Level 2 – Door Unit - peephole & intercom*

*Level 3 - CCTV Camera(s), sensor light, dusk to dawn lights*

*Level 4 – Short term home alarm monitored by call centre (provided by Orbis Alarms when home owner is in hospital)*

**Referral forms are available from Carrickfergus Community Forum. Please ring 02893 359777 for more information.**

## UNIQUE LOCAL DEBT-COUNSELLING CHARITY READY FOR THE RUSH

**Call numbers to Carrickfergus debt counselling service are expected to hit new highs in the next few weeks, the charity has revealed.**

Statistically, Mondays are the most common day to ring for help with 2010's busiest day being February 15, closely followed by the last two Mondays in January.

"The best thing someone with spiralling debts can do is be brave and tackle the problem, because it won't get better by itself," said Carrickfergus Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Centre Manager Jacqueline Robb.

"And, I think for many people, once the distraction of Christmas is over and the credit card bills land they see things with a new clarity and decide they must take action.

"It is a very busy time of year for us but we know asking for help is such a significant step on the road to financial recovery."

The charity says the most common cause of debt is a sudden change in circumstance like ill-health in the family, job loss or relationship breakdown resulting in manageable payments quickly becoming impossible. Further squeezes like the VAT rise and more expensive fuel mean the small amount to live on becomes increasingly unrealistic.

CAP has a [freephone number \(0800 328 0006\)](tel:08003280006) manned centrally by caring staff who book an appointment for a local representative to visit the client in their own home, a unique element of the free, in-depth service.

CAP, which celebrates its 15-year anniversary in 2011, has won plaudits from money experts Martin Lewis and Jasmine Birtles on ITV and was even described as "fantastic" by Prince Charles in a TV interview last year.

It is a growing charity with 150 church-based centres across the UK and the ambitious vision of providing a centre in every town and city by 2015.

Carrickfergus centre, based at Greenisland Baptist Church, is already one of eight in the region with centres in neighbouring Newtownabbey and Belfast.

With money management courses, mums and toddlers group and youth groups, it is just part of the work of the church in caring for the local community.

**To find out more about CAP visit [www.capuk.org](http://www.capuk.org) or call 0800 328 0006**

## CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS IN CARRICKFERGUS

***Year of the Rabbit :- Family Celebration event on Saturday 12th February 2011 at 2pm***

The Chinese New Year begins on Thursday 3rd February 2011. It welcomes in the Year of the Rabbit. Rabbits have long been beloved creatures within Chinese culture. It is no accident that the wily hare was included as one of the twelve most respected animals of the Chinese zodiac, and among Chinese people, the rabbit represents speed, strength and kindness of heart, all of which are traits typically associated with the furry animal. Previous Years of the Rabbit include: 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999.



**新年快樂**

Please Join us to Celebrate Chinese New Year!  
**Carrickfergus Borough Council Civic Centre**  
Saturday 12th February 2011 2.00pm - 6.00pm

**Afternoon will include:**

- Chinese lion dance
- Children's arts and crafts workshops
- History of Bonsai trees
- Interactive music workshops
- Chinese calligraphy lessons
- Food and more!

**EVENT FREE - ALL WELCOME**

For further information please contact  
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**Carrickfergus Borough**  
**Newtownabbey** BOROUGH COUNCIL

**OFMDFM**  
This project has received financial support from OFMDFM through District Council's Cross-Border Programme

**Beyond Skin**

**C.W.A. NI.**

**European Union** European Regional Development Fund Investing in your future  
A project supported by the LIFE PLAS II Programme, funded by the Special EU Programmes Body, and delivered by OFMDFM, Carrickfergus, Antrim, Newtownabbey Town & Borough

To celebrate the Chinese New Year, Carrickfergus Borough Council is hosting a **family celebration event in the Civic Centre and Town Hall on Saturday 12th February 2011 at 2pm** in association with the CAN Peace III Partnership, the Chinese Welfare Association and Beyond Skin. There will be a wide range of workshops and demonstrations for both the young and old, along with Chinese food and tea tasting.

We hope you can join us for the celebrations!

On Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of January police received a report of a burglary at the dog pound on the Marshallstown Rd. This occurred sometime during the night.

On Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of January police received a report of a burglary at a house in the Birches.

On the afternoon of Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of January police attended an address in Broadlands Gardens, ref a report of window having just been smashed. A 21 yr old male was arrested on suspicion of criminal damage, resisting arrest and attempted criminal damage to a police vehicle. He was later released on bail pending further enquiries.

On Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of January police received a report of a burglary at a house in Adelaide Ave, Whitehead.

On Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of January police received a report of the theft of home heating oil from an address on the Carrickfergus Rd, Carrickfergus sometime between the 20<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> of January.

In the evening of Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of January police arrested a 19yr old male at Market Plc, Carrickfergus, for indecent behaviour. He was later given an adult caution for the offence.

On Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of January at around 1020pm police received a report of criminal damage to a car in Farmlodge Pk, Greenisland. A group of youths were seen running off from the scene. Enquiries are continuing.

On Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of January police received a report of a broken window at a property in Joymount. This occurred sometime during the night.

On Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of January police attended an address in Carnhill Walk, Carrickfergus, in relation to 999 calls. A 53 yr old male was arrested for misuse of telecommunications. He was later released on conditional bail pending further enquiries.

On Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of January an off sales on the Upper Road, Greenisland, reported two youths had stole a case of beer. One of the youths is described as male, approx 19yrs old, with bad skin and was wearing a black hat and black jumper.

On Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January police received a report of damage to a car parked in Salia Ave. A brick had been thrown through one of the car windows during the night.

In the early hours of Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> of January police arrested a 34yr old female for being drunk in charge of a motor vehicle at the Harbour car park, Carrickfergus. She was later charged to appear at Belfast Magistrates Court on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February.

**Anyone with information about any of these incidents is asked to contact Carrickfergus police on 0845 600 8000. Alternatively, information about crime can be passed anonymously to the Crimestoppers charity by calling 0800 555 111.**

## 50 DETECTED DURING WINTER DRINK DRIVE OPERATION

During the 2010/2011 winter anti-drink drive operation, police in D District detected and arrested 50 motorists for drink driving. The figure includes motorists who were unfit to drive, or who were unable or refused to give a sample.

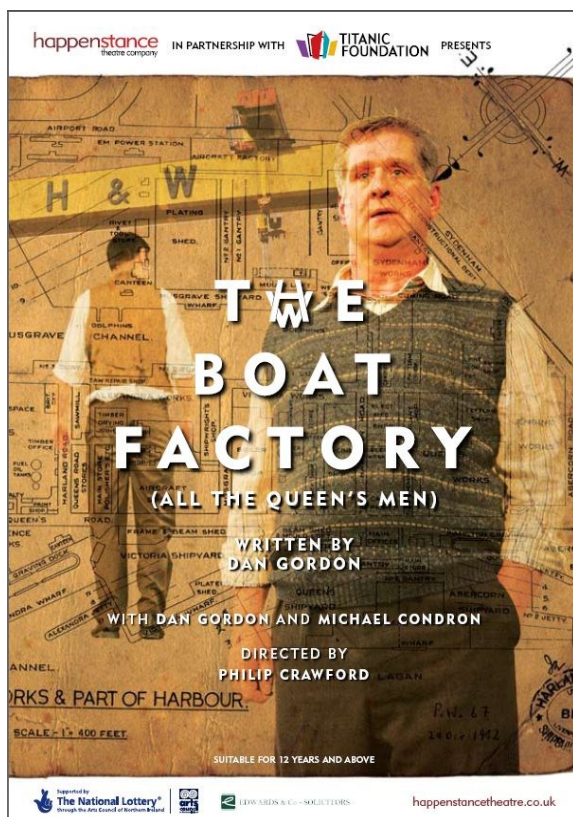
Announcing the figures, Chief Superintendent Henry Irvine said: "It's astounding that despite some of the worst weather and driving conditions in living memory, 50 people still took the risk of killing or injuring themselves, their family, friends and other innocent road users by deciding to drive after drinking.

"Our aim with this and every road safety initiative is to save lives and reduce injuries, which is why, despite the arctic weather conditions we ran operations day and night throughout the festive season and not just during the weekends or key dates.

"These 50 individuals begin 2011 with the prospect of going to court where they will almost certainly lose their driving licence."



## THE BOAT FACTORY BY DAN GORDON



2nd of July 1945: world war 2 is in its final throes and the cold war is about to begin; Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly star in 'Anchors Away' and in Belfast's Harland & Wolff Titanic Shipyard, preparations are being made for a post war world.

Regarded as the biggest and best there is. It had a power station, docks, machine shops, engine works and saw mills. If you can dream it - they can build it! Painters, plumber, riveters, joiners, coppersmiths, fitters, burners, electricians, riggers and shipwrights: there were 67 different trades and nearly 200 acres of land; 1700 ships built between here and the Clyde and 35000 men employed at its height.

### THIS IS THEIR STORY

**DATE : 17TH MARCH 2011 JUBILEE HALL CARRICKFERGUS**

**Tickets will cost £5.00 and will be available from Carrickfergus Community Forum**

**CONTACT: carrickcommunity@btconnect.com or**

**tel: 02893 359777 for more information**



## **BIG LOTTERY FUND - SPACE AND PLACE**

The Big Lottery Fund is looking for an award partner from the voluntary and community sector to deliver a multi-million pound programme that will bring communities in Northern Ireland together by making better use of local spaces and places.

We are launching the £15 million Space and Place programme which will support **projects** that make better use of new and existing outdoor and indoor spaces in local communities, particularly those that are not used enough, are overgrown and neglected, or are seen as only for use by certain groups. The programme could fund a project to create a community garden and allotments in the grounds of a community venue, or a project to turn a derelict area into a mini park with cycle paths and walkways where people can meet and enjoy their local spaces and places.

The Big Lottery Fund wants to appoint an award partner from the voluntary and community sector to run the programme's grant scheme and make grants of £50,000 - £1 million to projects that create safe spaces where people of all ages in the community can meet and take part in activities that improve their health and education.

**To find out more about applying to be an award partner that will deliver the Space and Place programme, visit [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk); or contact the Big Lottery Fund NI Information Team at [enquiries.ni@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:enquiries.ni@biglotteryfund.org.uk) or on 028 9055 1455.**

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## **TURKINGTON FUND UPCOMING DEADLINE**



The Turkington Fund will support projects which benefit older people including the encouragement of older people to engage with a range of social, educational, health and cultural activities and influence policy. This grant-making scheme was first established in 1975 from a bequest from Miss SJI Turkington.

The scheme previously administered by NICVA, the Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action is now administered by Community Foundation Northern Ireland (CFNI)

Grants will generally range between £200 - £3000 maximum. The Fund will allocate some £60,000 each year in a range of small grants.

**NEXT DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS 23rd FEBRUARY 2011**  
**FOR FURTHER INFO PLEASE CONTACT THE GRANTS OFFICER, CFNI ON 02890 245927**  
**EMAIL [info@communityfoundationni.org](mailto:info@communityfoundationni.org) OR VISIT [www.communityfoundationni.org](http://www.communityfoundationni.org)**

# PREMIER COACHING ACADEMY



In conjunction with Millview Swifts FC



## WELCOMES

Guest Coaches from LIVERPOOL to

NORTHERN IRELAND for a 3 DAY Soccer School

AT Beltoy Playing Fields, Carrickfergus

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> 2011 10AM – 3PM

**£60.00**

**AGE:- 6 – 15 YEAR OLDS**

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*COMPETITIONS*

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*GUARANTEED PLENTY OF FUN*

*UEFA QUALIFIED & ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE*

*ACADEMY COACHES!!!*

**BOOK NOW TO SAVE DISAPPOINTMENT!!!!!!**

**Contact: JIM SPENCE on 07743672993**

**Or**

**LESLIE CROTHERS on 07897093875**



## UNEARTHING THE THEOLOGICAL ROOTS OF SECTARIANISM

A six session course from *Wed 2nd March to Wed 13th April 2011* (excluding 23rd March)

**Venue:** Coast Road Hotel, Carrickfergus 7-30pm until 9-30pm

**Course fee:** £20 (Unwaged £10)

**For booking** Tel: 07815 081 714 or **Email:** carrickferguschurchforum@hotmail.co.uk

**Course Facilitators:** Johnston McMaster and Kathy Higgins

The idea of good relations has been seductive or sleep inducing. We have found it easier to transfer attention to the relationship with ethnic minorities. The emerging problem of racism is serious and requires action. But the elephant in the room remains sectarianism and despite a real desire in the community to move forward into a more positive future, this remains a problem that holds us back. It is a problem that cannot be wished away and which requires our ongoing attention.

It is clear that there is a political and religious inability to deal with sectarianism. When the subject is addressed it is often in political and economic terms, and this is necessary. However, at the heart of sectarianism, is a deeper and even more serious issue - theology.

If theology is a fundamental element in the makeup of sectarianism, then people of faith need to move to a place beyond denial, complacency or a sense of powerlessness. The struggle is an ongoing one, but it is not hopeless. It is an issue that needs to be faced squarely and the church has an important role to play. By sharing responsibility for the problem; by gaining a better understanding and recognising it in all its subtlety, sectarianism can be unseated from its too often unchallenged place in society and robbed of its power.

To this end, the course will explore in depth the respective Catholic and Protestant theologies which have had divisive and disastrous relational and political consequences - and it is consequences, not intentions that make theologies sectarian. The course will also explore useful faith expressions and local strategies for overcoming sectarianism. All of this will take place in a relaxing environment, giving the opportunity to contribute, listen, discuss, learn from others and make new friends.



# OUR SHARED FUTURE CROSS BORDER PROGRAMME

## CAPACITY BUILDING



### WHAT IS 'OUR SHARED FUTURE'?

The Our Shared Future programme is a new programme of good relations and cross border networking to be delivered by the Community Development Agency (CDA) in partnership with Newtownabbey Borough Council. Programme funded by the CAN Peace III Partnership.

*The aim of the programme is:*

“to help build positive local and cross-border relationships by facilitating processes of engagement that will develop programme participants’ confidence in and knowledge of their own communities’ history and to challenge perceptions and stereotypes by encouraging respect for other communities and traditions, both locally and cross border”.

### WHAT ARE WE OFFERING?

An accredited six week introductory programme for local community groups/ residents within the CAN area addressing such issues as;

- Good Relations
- Prejudice,
- Racial and cultural stereotyping,
- Conflict,
- Cultural identity,
- Citizenship and political structures (NI and ROI)

Networking events for participants in the CAN areas and border counties

Two relationship building events involving structured seminars and facilitated discussion groups aimed at challenging perceptions

Three joint site visits to sites of historical importance both in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland

- Kilmainham Jail, Dublin
- Parliament Buildings, Stormont
- Battle of the Boyne Site

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT**

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**We would love to hear from anyone who wishes to contribute to this newsletter whether it is to advertise an event or just to submit an article about what you do.**

**If you would like to contribute to this newsletter or have an event you would like to advertise, please contact Lucy at the office.**

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT EDITION IS**

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